From: Devereux, Jan
To: Bent, Nora
Subject: Re: House Committee"s Budget Proposes Level Funding for Mass Cultural Council
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:50:36 AM

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Jan

From: Bent, Nora
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:48:22 AM
To: Devereux, Jan
Subject: RE: House Committee's Budget Proposes Level Funding for Mass Cultural Council

How's this?

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Massachusetts House Committee on Ways and Means recently released their state budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2019 that recommended less than $14 million for arts, humanities, and science funding through the Mass Cultural Council; and

WHEREAS: The $14 million proposal represents level funding for the Mass Cultural Council, "…a state agency that promotes excellence, inclusion, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences to foster a rich cultural life for all Massachusetts residents and contributes to the vitality of our communities and economy"; and

WHEREAS: State Representative Cory Atkins intends to file an amendment to the Ways and Means proposal that would increase funding for the Mass Cultural Council to $17 million for FY19, allowing the agency to provide additional funding for grant programs for nonprofits, communities, artists, and youth services; and

WHEREAS: The House will discuss the full FY19 budget during the week of April 23, and the Senate will release its own budget in May, at which point the two chambers will work to agree on a single plan to send to Governor Baker; and

WHEREAS: Funding for the arts is critical to not only the cultural integrity of cities in towns in Massachusetts, but to our economy—nonprofit cultural organizations in Massachusetts generate $2.2 billion dollars in annual economic activity, support over 70,000 full-time jobs, and generate more than $159 million in local and state tax revenue, according to the 2016 Arts and Economic Prosperity Report; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the amendment filed by Representative Cory Atkins to increase funding for the Mass Cultural Council to $17 million for Fiscal Year 2019; and

be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge State Delegation, Representative Cory Atkins, and the Mass Cultural Council on behalf of the entire City Council.

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worth a resolution to support the amendment for a funding increase to $17M?

From: Mass Cultural Council <Newsletters=ART.state.ma.us@mail28.sea21.rsgsv.net> on behalf of Mass Cultural Council <Newsletters@ART.state.ma.us>
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House Committee Proposes Level Funding for Arts, Humanities & Sciences

Supporters Seek Increase through Budget Amendment

(Boston, MA) - The House Committee on Ways and Means today released a state budget proposal for the coming fiscal year that recommends just under $14 million for the arts, humanities, and sciences through the Mass Cultural Council.

The panel's proposal would represent level funding for arts and culture for FY19, and matches the Baker-Polito Administration budget plan released in January. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

State Representative Cory Atkins of Concord, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts, and Cultural Development, plans to file an amendment to the Ways & Means plan that would increase funding for the Mass Cultural Council to $17 million for FY19. This amendment would allow Mass Cultural Council to deepen its support of core grant programs for nonprofits, communities, creative youth development and education, and artists.

"Our economy is strong and state revenues are growing," said Anita Walker, Mass Cultural Council's Executive Director. "Now is the time to reinvest in culture, with powerful impacts in a stronger creative economy, more vital communities, and expanded opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and reach their potential."

The Council will work with MASSCreative, Mass Humanities, Mass Artists Leaders Coalition, and others to **build support for this amendment by urging House members to sign on as cosponsors to the Atkins Amendment**. The full House will take up the FY19 budget during the week of April 23.

The case for $17 million is detailed online in our Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget Request and statement for greater state investment in our cultural life.

The House process is one key step in the annual state budget process. The Senate will release its own budget proposal in May. The two chambers must then agree on a tax and spending plan before sending it back to the Governor, who may veto or approve the budget and/or specific line items.

See our Advocacy Center for updates on the budget process and for the latest data on the nonprofit cultural sector's contributions to the Massachusetts economy and quality of life.

About the Mass Cultural Council

Mass Cultural Council is a state agency that promotes excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to improve our quality of life and contribute to the vitality of our communities. The agency pursues this mission through grants, services, and advocacy for nonprofit cultural organizations, schools, communities, and artists. Its FY18 budget is $15.7 million, supported through a $14 million state appropriation and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. Mass Cultural Council also runs the $10 million Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund in partnership with MassDevelopment.

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